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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Valery POULBOT

Application No.: 09/913,744

Filed: January 10, 2002

For: RUNNING TREAD FOR TIRE

AND TIRE COMPRISING SAME :

Examiner: Steven D. Maki

Group Art Unit: 1733

December 9, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 9, 2004.

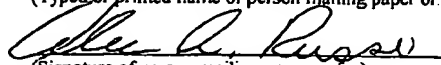
Please amend the specification and abstract as indicated in the substitute specification and abstract attached hereto.

Please amend claims 1-13. The amended claims find support in the originally filed application and claims, as explained further in the Remarks section below. In accordance

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